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BREAKING NEWS

U.S.AGENT AND CAPTAIN AMERICA CLASH IN BROOKLYN!

n Wilson #givebacktheshield?... **OTHER NEWS:** Former New Warrior Rage attacks Americops, sparks riot in B

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SAM WILSON @CAPTAINAMERICASW
 After Steve Rogers was drained of the Super-Soldier Serum that kept him young and strong, he passed his shield to me, Sam Wilson, A.K.A. The Falcon. Now that he's back in action, we both fight the good fight as Captain America.

Paul Keane @Keane_Jnd...
 @CAPTAINAMERICASW's brutal attack on our peacekeeping Americops was unconscionable! It's time to #takebacktheshield!

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Senator Tom Herald @SenTomHer...
 The Americops may be a private security force, but they have the full support of the government. @CAPTAINAMERICASW should respect that!

18m

The FALCON!!!! @JoaquinTo...
 Yo, the Americops are racist and dangerous, fam. They're not even real cops! You ask me, @CAPTAINAMERICASW went easy on them!

30m

Harry Hauser @RadioAmer...
 U.S.Agent, the one-man war on terror, is on the ground in Brooklyn ready to #takebacktheshield and give it to the REAL Captain America!

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Wing Watch @WeStandWi...
 @CAPTAINAMERICASW has been endorsed by Steve Rogers himself. If he wanted Sam to #givebacktheshield, he would have said so!

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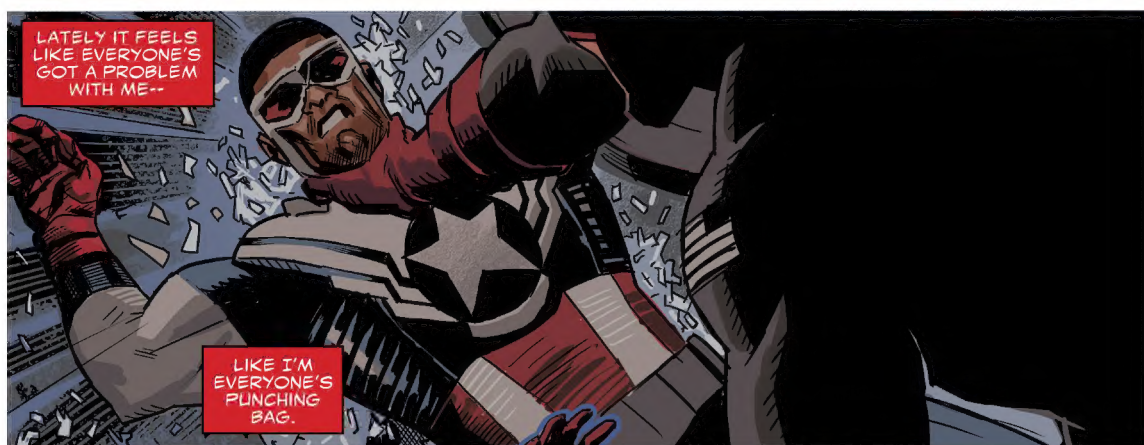
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THE AMERICOPS.
A PRIVATE LAW AND
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CHARGED WITH
CLEANING UP THE
STREETS--



EMPLOYING
SOME HIGHLY
QUESTIONABLE
METHODS.



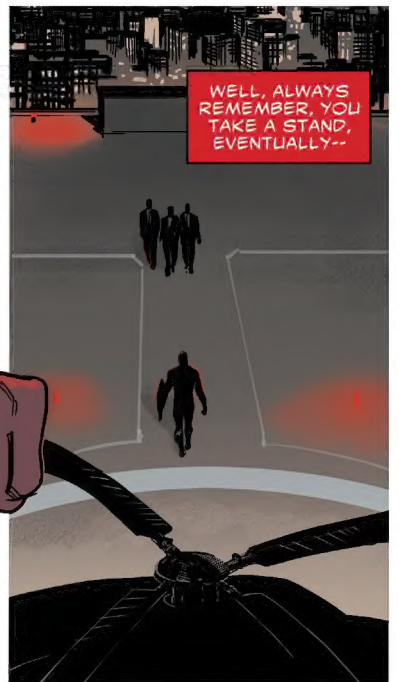
A YOUNG VIGILANTE
NAMED **RAGE**
DECIDED TO PUT A
STOP TO WHAT THEY
WERE DOING. THINGS
GOT HEATED--



I TRIED TO
COOL IT DOWN
(DIDN'T WORK).



NOW AS FAR AS THIS
GUY? **U.S. AGENT?**
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?



WELL, ALWAYS
REMEMBER, YOU
TAKE A STAND,
EVENTUALLY--



SOMEONE'S
GONNA COME
TELL YOU TO SIT
BACK DOWN.



JOHN--
WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
DOING?

TRYING TO
HELP YOU,
SAM--



--BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE.

YOU NEED
TO TURN OVER
THAT SHIELD AND
GIVE THIS UP. **RIGHT
NOW**, BEFORE
ANYONE ELSE
GETS HURT.



ARE YOU
KIDDING ME?
DO YOU NOT SEE
WHAT WENT DOWN
HERE?!

OH, I
SAW--

I SAW YOU
ATTACKING PEOPLE
WHO SWORE THEY'D
PROTECT THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD--



--SAW YOU
ATTACKING THE
PEOPLE TRYING TO
PROTECT OUR
BORDERS--

--SAW YOU
ATTACKING YOUR
OWN GOVERNMENT
AND S.H.I.E.L.D. SO
YOU COULD SIDE
WITH **TRAITORS**.



YOU'RE
**OUT OF
CONTROL**, SAM. I
BELIEVE YOU **THINK**
YOU'RE DOING THE
RIGHT THING--BUT
I PROMISE,
YOU AIN'T.

THE PRESSURE
OF THE JOB, I KNOW
WHAT IT'S LIKE, TOO--
I'VE **BEEN** THERE--AND I CAN
SEE WHEN A MAN'S STARTING
TO CRACK, BECAUSE IT
HAPPENED TO **ME**, TOO.



YOU THINK
I'M LIKE **YOU**
WERE, JOHN? **THAT**
IT? BECAUSE TO MY
EYES, IT'S A LITTLE
DIFFERENT.

I MEAN,
YOU DON'T SEE
ME **MURDERING**
ANYBODY--YOU
KNOW--



--LIKE
YOU
DID.





ME AND
MY BIG
MOLUTH...



TRUTH IS,
JOHN IS AS
TOUGH AS
THEY COME--

THUMP!



EVEN GOT THE
BETTER OF STEVE
IN COMBAT, MORE
THAN ONCE.



ME?

TAP



I DON'T EVEN HAVE
THE SUPER-SOLDIER
SERUM RUNNING
THROUGH MY VEINS.



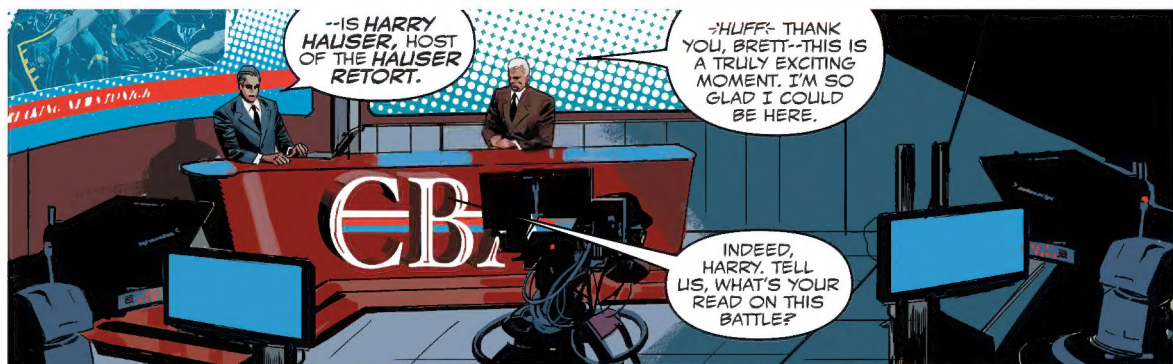
GONNA BE A
LONG NIGHT.

WHAT
YOU'RE SEEING
NOW IS LIVE FOOTAGE
OF A BATTLE ON THE
STREETS OF BROOKLYN--
SAM WILSON, WHO STILL
CALLS HIMSELF CAPTAIN
AMERICA DESPITE THE
RETURN OF STEVE
ROGERS--AND HIS
OPPONENT--



--NONE OTHER THAN THE FORMER CAPTAIN AMERICA--**JOHN WALKER**, THE U.S. AGENT.

HERE TO DISCUSS THESE SHOCKING DEVELOPMENTS--



--IS **HARRY HAUSER**, HOST OF THE **HAUSER RETORT**.

--HUFF-- THANK YOU, **BRETT**--THIS IS A TRULY EXCITING MOMENT. I'M SO GLAD I COULD BE HERE.

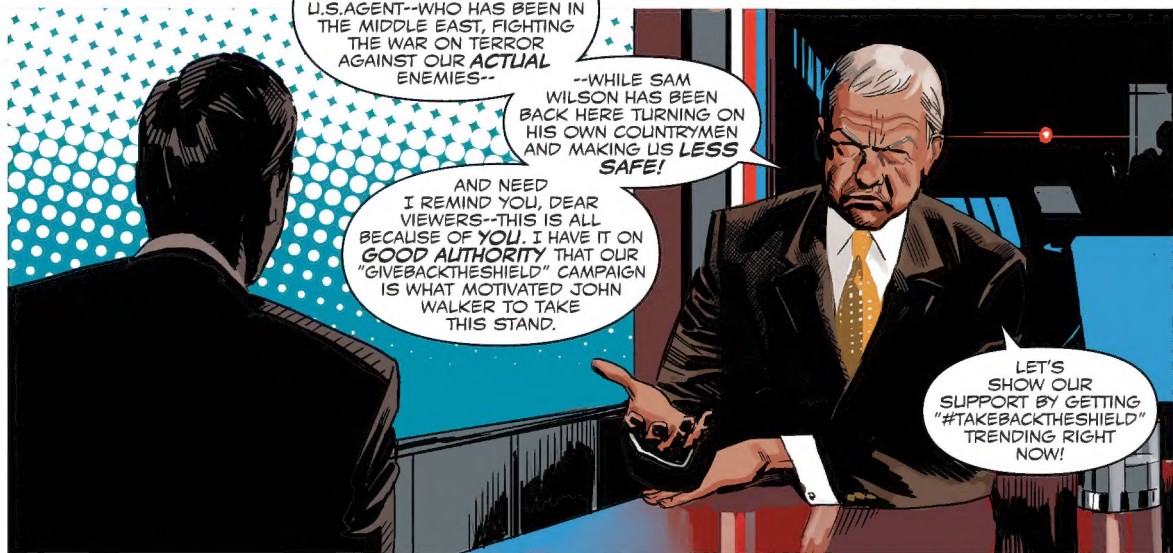
INDEED, **HARRY**. TELL US, WHAT'S YOUR READ ON THIS BATTLE?



LIKE I SAID--**HISTORIC**. FINALLY, A SUPER HERO STANDS UP FOR **REAL AMERICANS** AND SAYS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

SAM WILSON HAS BEEN A DISGRACE TO THIS COUNTRY, AND HE'S DISHONORED THE LEGACY OF CAPTAIN AMERICA WITH THESE **IDEOLOGICAL CRUSADES** OF HIS. HE'S DIVIDED PEOPLE WITH HIS EXTREMISM AT EVERY TURN.

BUT I GUESS ATTACKING LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS THE **LAST STRAW** FOR U.S. AGENT--WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR AGAINST OUR **ACTUAL ENEMIES**--



--WHILE **SAM WILSON** HAS BEEN BACK HERE TURNING ON HIS OWN COUNTRYMEN AND MAKING US **LESS SAFE!**

AND NEED I REMIND YOU, DEAR VIEWERS--THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF **YOU**. I HAVE IT ON **GOOD AUTHORITY** THAT OUR "**GIVEBACKTHESHIELD**" CAMPAIGN IS WHAT MOTIVATED **JOHN WALKER** TO TAKE THIS STAND.

LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY GETTING "**#TAKEBACKTHESHIELD**" TRENDING RIGHT NOW!



I'M SORRY IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY, SAM...

YEAH, ME TOO.

THIS IS GETTING UGLY.

GUY'S A TANK AND I'M GETTING ROLLED OVER. GOTTA SOMEHOW GET CLEAR, GET SOME DISTANCE--



DIDN'T EXPECT TO GET HELP WITH THAT...



BUT THEN IT'S NOT WHAT I WOULD'VE ASKED FOR ANYHOW



THE POUNDING IN MY HEAD, THE BLOOD IN MY GOGGLES MAKES ME SLOW--

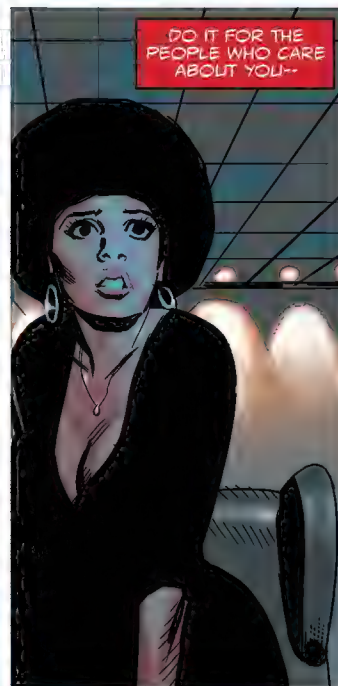


AND HE'S TOO FAST ANYWAY



BEFORE I CAN GET IN THE AIR, HE'S ALL OVER ME

COME ON, SAM--STAY ON YOUR FEET--



DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT YOU--



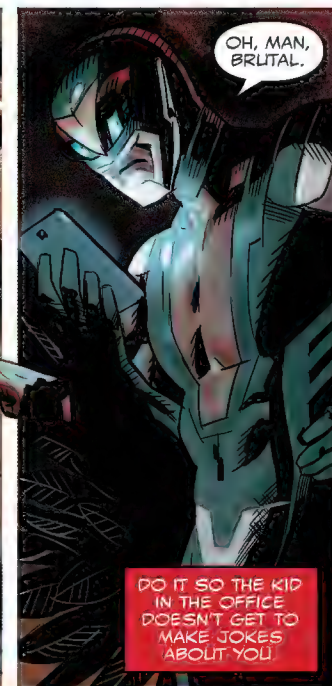
DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PRAYING FOR YOU--

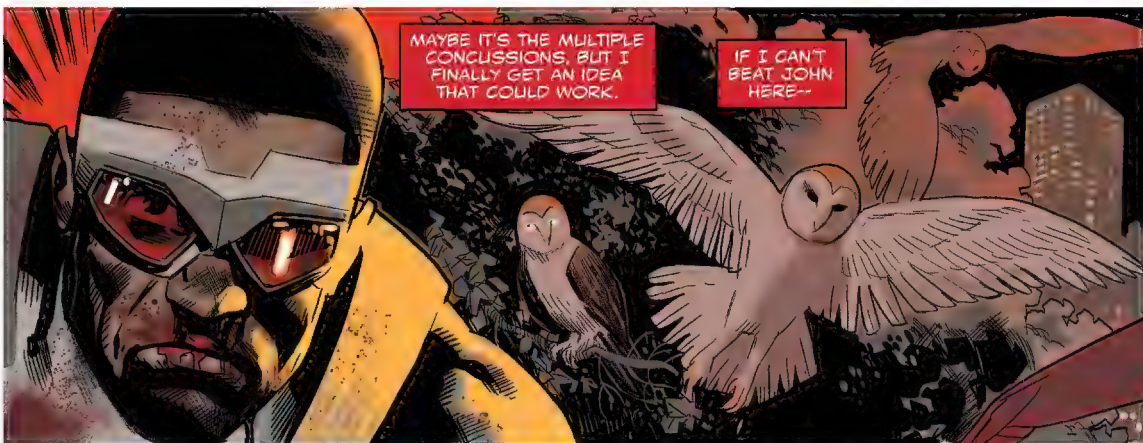


OH, MAN, BRUTAL...



DO IT SO THE KID IN THE OFFICE DOESN'T GET TO MAKE JOKES ABOUT YOU





MAYBE IT'S THE MULTIPLE CONCUSSIONS, BUT I FINALLY GET AN IDEA THAT COULD WORK.

IF I CAN'T BEAT JOHN HERE--



I GOTTA TAKE HIM SOME PLACE WHERE I CAN.



TOUGH TO EVEN TELL WHERE I'M HEADED THROUGH ALL THE BLOOD IN THE LENS--



BUT I KNOW I GOTTA MOVE FAST--



AND STAY HIGH-- DON'T GIVE HIM ANYTHING HE CAN USE--



NOT TIL WE REACH OUR DESTINATION.



WHAT THE HELL, SAM?
YOU THINK THIS CHANGES ANYTHING? WHAT'S THE DAMN POINT? FLY ME DOWN IN SOME TUNNEL WHERE WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING--

CORRECTION-- YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.



CENTRAL PARK HAS A FEW GREAT HORNED OWLS, YOU KNOW. THEY SEE GREAT, EVEN IN TOTAL DARKNESS. AND WHAT THEY SEE--



--I SEE.



AND I'LL ADMIT-- THIS BEATDOWN?

CRACK!



KANG!

I GET INTO IT A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

EVERY DAY, PEOPLE COME AT ME-- ATTACK ME--



CRACK!

THUD!

HAPPY TO TELL ME EVERYTHING I'M DOING WRONG



WALUP!

AND USUALLY, I JUST HAVE TO STAND THERE AND TAKE IT.

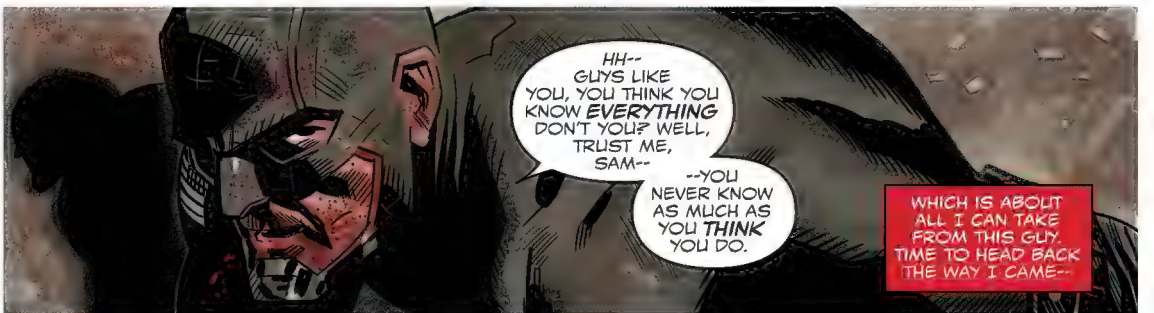


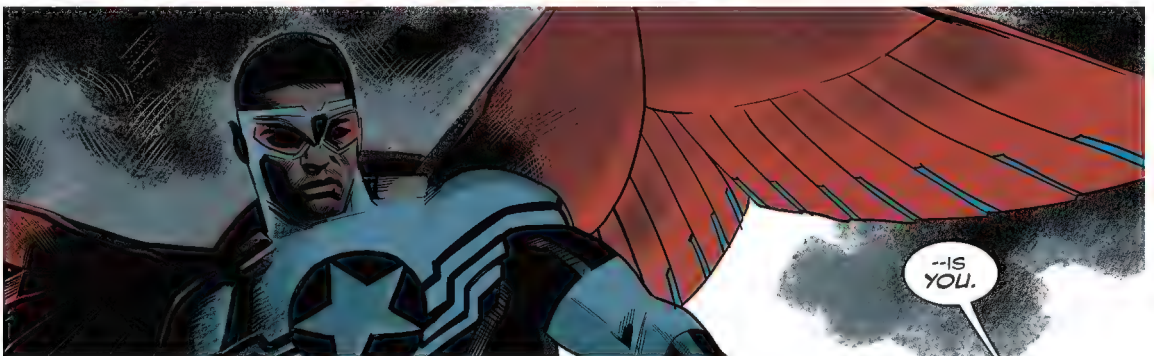
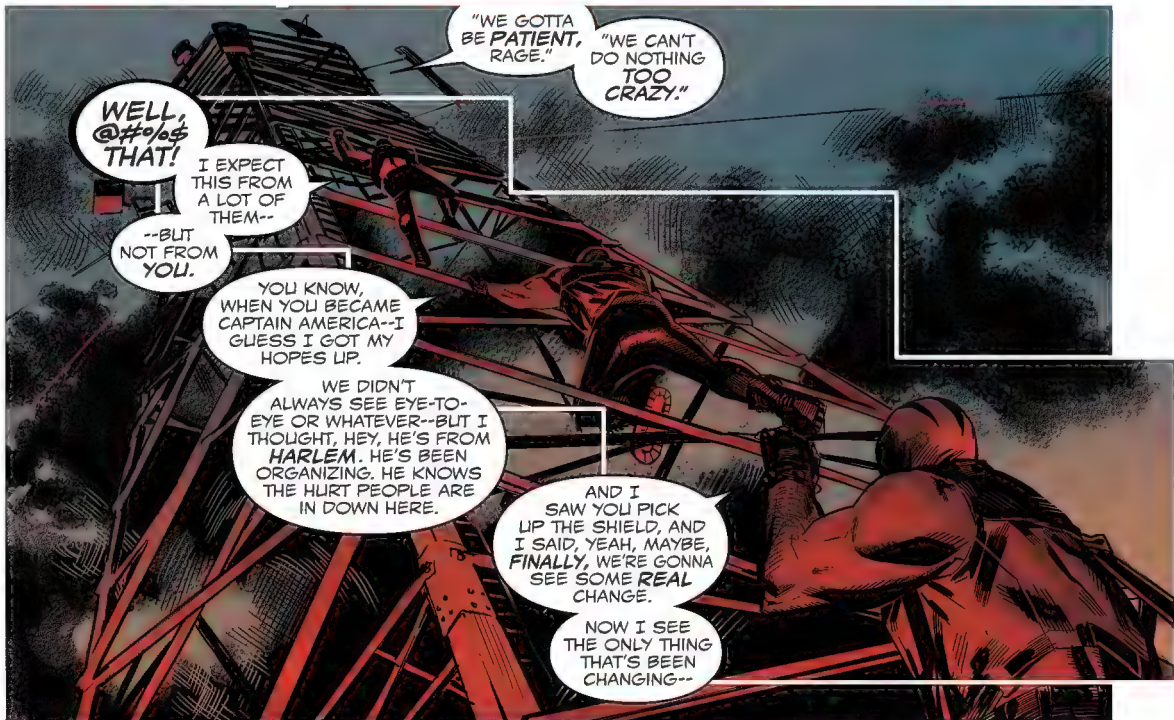
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DON'T LET THEM SEE IT GET TO ME



BUT NOBODY'S SEEING ANYTHING IN HERE BUT ME







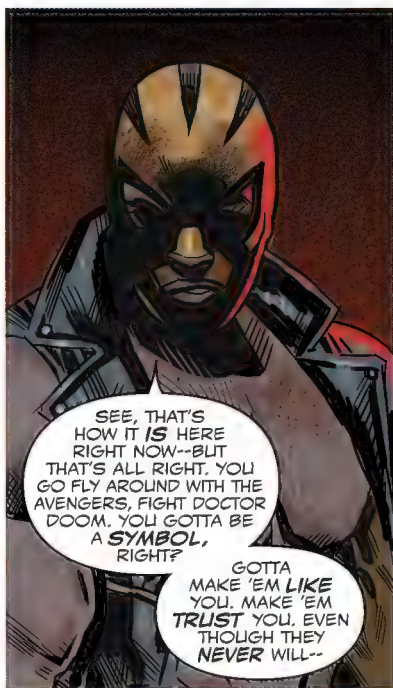
OH, DON'T
GET ME WRONG--
YOU GIVE A **PRETTY
SPEECH**. LIKE THAT
ONE YOU MADE AT
**JIM RHODES'
FUNERAL**.

'BOUT HOW
ALL THE LITTLE BLACK
KIDS IN SOUTH PHILLY
COULD GROW UP TO BE
SUPER HEROES LIKE
YOU AND HIM?



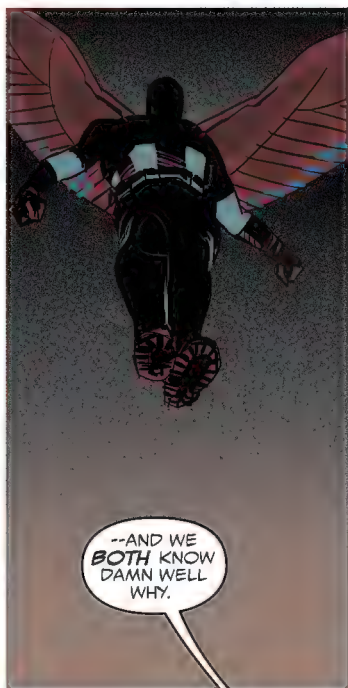
'CEPT WE
BOTH KNOW
WHEN IT COMES TO
THE STATISTICS, LOT MORE
LIKELY THEY END UP GETTING
ARRESTED AND STUCK IN
PRISON SOMEPLACE. MAYBE
GET HOOKED ON
SOMETHING WHILE
THEY'RE THERE.

OR IF THEY'RE
LUCKY THEY JUST WASTE
THEIR LIFE AWAY WAITING
FOR JOBS THAT NEVER
SHOW UP.



SEE, THAT'S
HOW IT **IS** HERE
RIGHT NOW--BUT
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU
GO FLY AROUND WITH THE
AVENGERS, FIGHT DOCTOR
DOOM. YOU GOTTA BE
A **SYMBOL**,
RIGHT?

GOTTA
MAKE 'EM **LIKE**
YOU. MAKE 'EM
TRUST YOU. EVEN
THOUGH THEY
NEVER WILL--



--AND WE
BOTH KNOW
DAMN WELL
WHY.



I DIDN'T LIKE WHEN
YOU LET THOSE
WALL STREET @##&\$
OFF DURING THAT
WHOLE SERPENT
THING--BUT NOW
THIS? **THIS?**

THEY'RE
CHASING
US! THEY'RE
HARASSING US!
THEY'RE **BEATING**
US! AND YOU TELL
ME TO **BACK
OFF?**



WE DON'T
NEED ANY
MORE SPEECHES--
WE NEED YOU TO
DO SOMETHING!
WE NEED YOU TO
STAND UP--
FOR US!



SO, WHAT
ARE YOU
GONNA DO,
"CAPTAIN
AMERICA"?
HUH?



WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!

HEY, YOU, UH--YOU WANT ME TO GET HIM DOWN FROM THERE?

NO, HE'S GOT ALL THE ANSWERS--



--LET HIM FIGURE IT OUT HIMSELF.

A LITTLE PETTY, I KNOW.

BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY OF PEOPLE TELLING ME HOW TERRIBLE I AM--



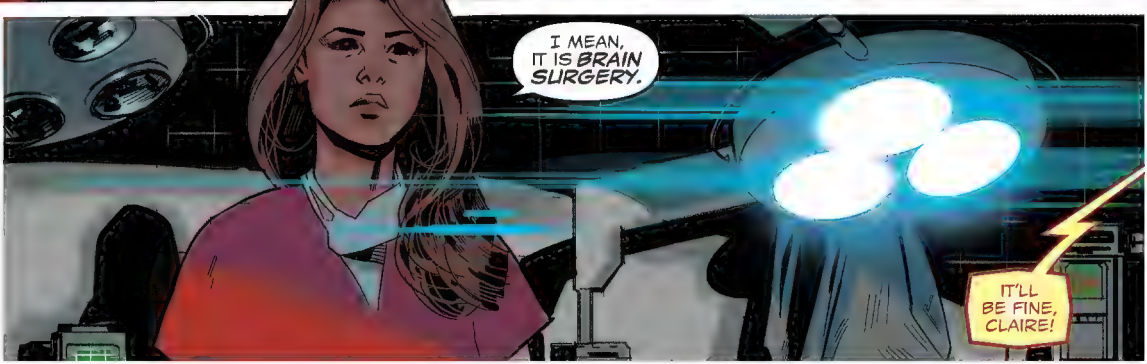
AND ME FEELING HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

THEN IT HITS ME. SOMETHING FROM THE FIGHT EARLIER GIVES ME THE IDEA, BUT--



--IT'S GONNA REQUIRE A LITTLE EXECUTIVE ACTION.

"YOU SURE YOU WANNA DO THIS, SAM?"



I MEAN, IT IS BRAIN SURGERY.

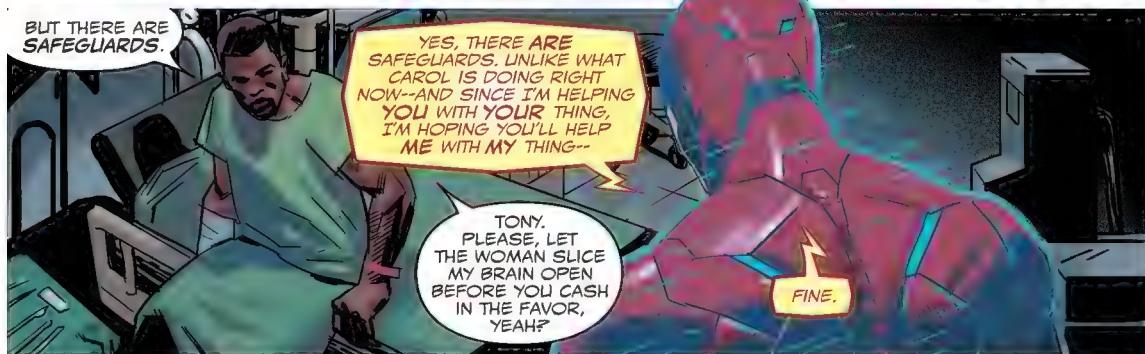
IT'LL BE FINE, CLAIRE!



IT'S A TINY IMPLANT. USES CEREBRO-TECH TO TAKE THE PSYCHIC INTERFACE YOU HAVE WITH MEMBERS OF THE AVIAN COMMUNITY--

--AND TRANSMIT THOSE SIGNALS TO A DATA STORAGE FACILITY, WHERE THEY'RE CONVERTED INTO STILL IMAGES AND VIDEO.

YOU'RE BASICALLY ABOUT TO BECOME THE ROUTER IN THE BIGGEST SURVEILLANCE NETWORK IN THE WORLD.

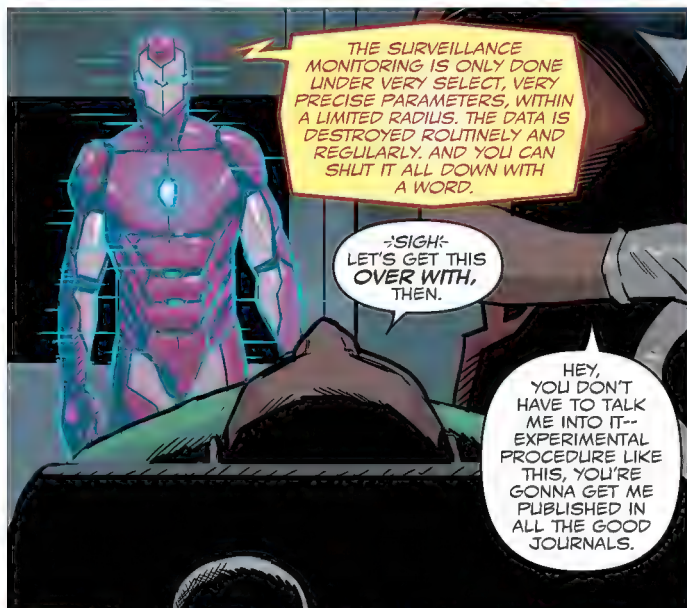


BUT THERE ARE SAFEGUARDS.

YES, THERE ARE SAFEGUARDS. UNLIKE WHAT CAROL IS DOING RIGHT NOW--AND SINCE I'M HELPING YOU WITH YOUR THING, I'M HOPING YOU'LL HELP ME WITH MY THING--

TONY, PLEASE, LET THE WOMAN SLICE MY BRAIN OPEN BEFORE YOU CASH IN THE FAVOR, YEAH?

FINE.



THE SURVEILLANCE MONITORING IS ONLY DONE UNDER VERY SELECT, VERY PRECISE PARAMETERS, WITHIN A LIMITED RADIUS. THE DATA IS DESTROYED ROUTINELY AND REGULARLY. AND YOU CAN SHUT IT ALL DOWN WITH A WORD.

-SIGH- LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH, THEN.

HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK ME INTO IT-- EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE LIKE THIS, YOU'RE GONNA GET ME PUBLISHED IN ALL THE GOOD JOURNALS.



EXPERIMENTAL?

IT'S A TINY IMPLANT.

I NEED YOU TO COUNT DOWN FROM TEN FOR ME...

YEAH. THIS IS A LITTLE NUTS--



--BUT SO'S THE WORLD THESE DAYS.

EVENING.



APOLOGIES FOR THE LACK OF MESSAGES THE LAST FEW DAYS--BEEN RECOVERING FROM A MINOR PROCEDURE. AND BEFORE ANYONE ASKS--YES, I'M FINE.

WELL, **MOSTLY** FINE. ANYONE WHO PAYS ATTENTION TO THE NEWS KNOWS SOME THINGS WENT DOWN THIS WEEK THAT I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT.

I'M NOT PROUD OF HOW THE SITUATION WITH THE AMERICOPS AND U.S.AGENT PLAYED OUT. I WISH WE COULD'VE **TALKED** THROUGH OUR DIFFERENCES, SETTLED THINGS THE RIGHT WAY.



BUT AT THE SAME TIME-- I'M GETTING NONSTOP MESSAGES FROM FOLKS ACCUSING THE AMERICOPS OF **PROFILING** AND **EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE**. I CAN'T IGNORE THOSE-- I **WON'T**.

WHAT'S NEEDED HERE IS SOME EVIDENCE TO BACK UP THOSE CLAIMS. AND I THINK I CAN HELP WITH THAT. LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I UNDERWENT A MINOR PROCEDURE--

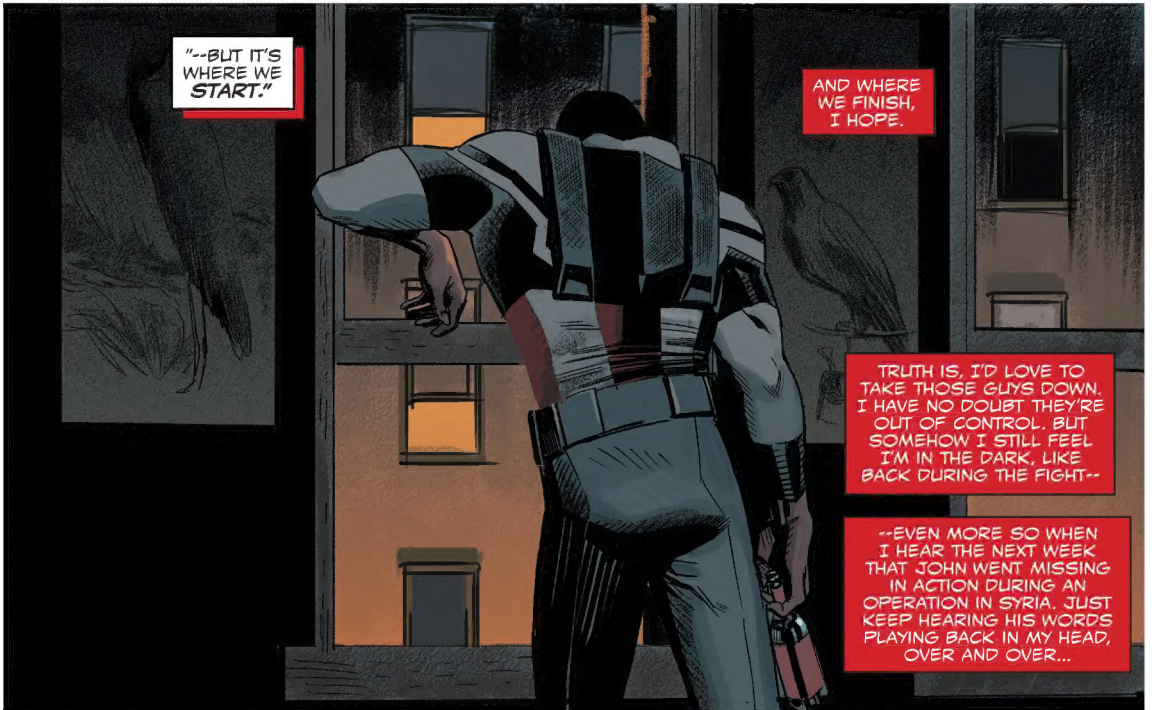


--AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS, FROM NOW ON, AMERICOPS--AT LEAST THOSE OPERATING IN NEW YORK--WILL BE GETTING SOME NEW **OVERSIGHT**. FROM ME.

I'LL BE MONITORING THEIR ACTIVITIES 24/7--AND IF I SEE SOMETHING-- **ANYTHING**--THAT CONFIRMS THESE ACCUSATIONS? BELIEVE ME--

--I WILL **DO** SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT ACTION, I'M SURE THIS MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH. AND MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT--



"--BUT IT'S WHERE WE **START**."

AND WHERE WE **FINISH**, I HOPE.

TRUTH IS, I'D LOVE TO TAKE THOSE GUYS DOWN. I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY'RE OUT OF CONTROL. BUT SOMEHOW I STILL FEEL I'M IN THE DARK, LIKE BACK DURING THE FIGHT--

--EVEN MORE SO WHEN I HEAR THE NEXT WEEK THAT JOHN WENT MISSING IN ACTION DURING AN OPERATION IN SYRIA. JUST KEEP HEARING HIS WORDS PLAYING BACK IN MY HEAD, OVER AND OVER...



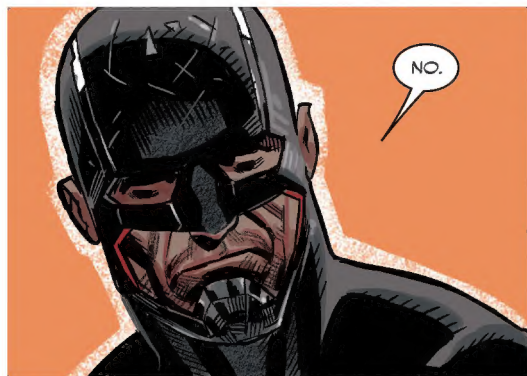
...YOU NEVER KNOW AS MUCH AS YOU **THINK** YOU DO.

AND ON THAT POINT, I GOTTA ADMIT--



--HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT.

EARLIER.



NO.

I DON'T LIKE THIS--
HELL, I HATE
IT. BUT IT
AIN'T MY
FIGHT.

BUT
JOHN,
PLEASE--

I SAID NO.
YOU WANT TO TAKE
THAT SHIELD FROM HIM,
YOU NEED THE MAN IT
BELONGS TO TO DO IT--YOU
NEED STEVE ROGERS.

I WISH
IT WERE
THAT
EASY--



--BUT
YOU KNOW
BETTER THAN
MOST HOW
MESSY THE
WORLD CAN
GET.

STEVE--?

GOOD TO
SEE YOU, JOHN.
GENTLEMEN--
COULD WE
HAVE THE
ROOM?



I'M SORRY FOR
ALL THE SMOKE AND
MIRRORS HERE--
THIS IS...
SENSITIVE.

I HEAR
YA. SO THIS
MEANS--YOU'RE
ON BOARD
WITH THIS?

--SIGH--
I HAVE TO
BE, DON'T
I?



YOU SAW THE THINGS SAM DID--ATTACKING BORDER PROTECTORS, S.H.I.E.L.D.--I'M NOT EVEN SAYING I DISAGREE WITH HIM EVERY TIME, BUT THE WAY HE'S GOING ABOUT IT...

HE'S LOSING CONTROL. AND I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO. I FIGURED YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND--



--SEEING AS YOU'VE BEEN THERE YOURSELF.



I GET IT. BUT, HELL-- IF YOU TOLD HIM TO STOP--

AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN US THIS PAST YEAR? HE'S NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO ME.

BESIDES-- I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT...

...WE BOTH KNOW HOW THIS WILL LOOK--ME TELLING HIM TO STOP BEING CAPTAIN AMERICA...I JUST DON'T KNOW THAT THE COUNTRY CAN HANDLE THAT KIND OF DIVISION.

THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR HELP, JOHN. CAN YOU--

STOP. ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS ASK. FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THERE'S ONLY **ONE** MAN THAT SHOULD EVER CARRY THAT SHIELD--

--AND THAT'S YOU.

I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT--ONE MORE THING--SAM IS STILL A **FRIEND**. HE'S A **GOOD** MAN. HE'S JUST...LOST HIS WAY. IF HE EVER FOUND OUT I ASKED YOU TO DO THIS, IT WOULD **KILL** HIM. CAN YOU--

NOT A PROBLEM, CAP. THIS STAYS MISSION **CONFIDENTIAL**--



--JUST BETWEEN US SOLDIERS.



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